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GERMANY CALLS HALT ON FRANCE

Plans to Check Policy of "Peaceful Penetration" in Africa.

PARIS IRRITATED. BUT NOT MENACING

Sternburg Makes Official Explai nation to Washington, Giving Assurances That Kaiser Stands for "Open Door" in Morocco-Diplomats Puzzled Over Situation.

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, April 1.—The German side of the Moroccan controversy is founded or Continuing and unchanging friendship shall exist between His Majesty, the German, Emperor, and His Majesty, the Bultan of Mozocco, also between their empires and their subjects. Between both empires shall the present freedom of trade continue and for this purpose each of the high contracting parties binds itself to give and to secure to the subjects of the other all rights, advantages and

eges now or in the future held by

the most favored nation." is the treaty of 1891, which, under terms, might have been revised in 1896, but was not revised and runs without limitation and without any provision out limitation and without any provision for its denunciation. Such a contract with Morocco cannot or right be dissolved or impaired, it is asserted, by the German government by the agreement between France and Great Britain, to which Germany is not a signatory. Germany declines adogether to recognize France as having any more dominant position in Morocco than Germany Germany does not trust to France to protect German trade. She profers rather to deal with the Bultan.

Explains to Washington.

The German ambassador to the United States, Baron Von Speck Sternburg, under instructions from the foreign office, has explained to the State Department at hington that Germany giands for the door in Morocco. Germany has not at the United States to do anything have negotiations of any sort been nor proposed. Germany does not the United States to do anything. begun or proposed. Germany, ages not expect the United States to do anything, but she desires that it should be known in Washington that the basis of her action in Morocco is the open door to trade. Behind this legal attitude, at 's may be called, of the German government, are diplomatic motives which are not easy to measure. Germany is disinclined to see France spread further in northern Africa and would chock and delay indefinitely, if possible, that policy of "peaceful penetration" which would and strength to France, Probably also Germany is willing to embarrass France and gain a diplomatic victory at the time France's ally is fully engaged elsewhere. The motives are, however, obscure. One obvious thing is that Germany does not consent to have her old relations with Morocco modified by an agreement to which she is not a party, and after remaining passive for a year chooses this moment to object by diplomatic activity at Fez.

France Much Irritated.

arouses considerable solicitude. It is maintained that Germany's claim to have the open door indefinitely prolonged would result in giving Germany commercial privileges exceeding those of the other powers. Beneath dignified external calm considerable irritation prevalls in government quarters. However, this does not show a manacing tone. The attitude of the press also is free from menace.

STRIKE OF BITUMINOUS MINERS AVERTED

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 1.—By the action of the soft coal operators of central Pennsylvania, who had a meeting here to-day, the threatened strike of the bituminous miners has been averted. The operators, in secret session, decided to grant the demands of the men by renswing the wage scale in effect last year, the basis of which is skyty-two cents a ten for pick mining. A meeting cents a ten for pick mining. A meeting of the joint scale committee of operators and miners will be held at Altonia

Mrs. Hill Not Seriously Ill.

Tuesday, when the schedule

next Tuesda be adopted.

Mrs. Hill Not Seriously III.

(By Associated Press.)

BRUNSWICK, GA., April 1.—Mrs. James
J. Hill, wife of the president of the Great
Northern Railway Company, who was reported to have been taken ill at Ormond,
Fla., and was proceeding to New York in
her husband's private car. is on Jekyl
island, a few miles from this city, where
she has been with Mr. Hill for the past
frw weeks. Inquiry on the island to-day
disclosed the fact that Mrs. Hill was
slightly indisposed.

Elopement.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ABINGDON, VA., April 1.—A ripple of surprise spread over Abingdon Wednesday when it was learned that Miss Annie Kennear Haney had eloped to Bristol and married her cousin. Mr. Connelly Dunn, of Vivian, W. Va. She is the daughter of Station Agent E. S. Jianey.

Vanderbilt Held for Trial.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 1, Afred Gwynne Vanderbilt, who was arrested vesterday for alleged violation of the automobile speed law, was held in \$500 hall for trial when he was arraigned in Police Court to-day. Vanderbilt was arrested in Harlem arter a long chase by a bicycle patrol.

SCENES IN THE WAR ZONE IN MANCHURIA



This Believed to be Secret of Rush of Troops to Kirin.

FREEDOM OF CHURCH DEMANDED OF CZAR from

Revolt of Clergy Is Against Bureaucracy and Not Against Emperor, However-Provisions and War Material Being Hurried to

Manchuria.

(By Associated Press.) HARBIN, April 1.—Bustices is paralyzed and a general lack of confidence is shown.

leaving Harbin.
It is believed that the Japanese preparing a bold turning movement probably to the castward, and the Rus stan cavalry is operating widely in or-der to avoid a repetition of the supprise at Mükden.

Attack on Vladivostok.

(By Associated Press.)
GUN SHU PASS, April 1.—All is quiet.
A heavy curtain of Jupanese cavalry effectually conceals the Japanese moveand strength from the Russian

ments and strength from the Russian positions.

Contradictory reports are being received from Chinese fusitives, most of which indicate that there is a constant movement of the Japanese northeast as though with the intention of effecting a turning movement at Kirin to cover the beginning of an attack on Viadivostok

begun.

Snow has fallen and the roads are

Rushing Provisions East. (By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, April 1.—More than

ten trains stocked with provisions and war material are leaving St. Petersburg

daily for Vladivostok.

A dispatch 'from General Linevitch, dated March 20st, says no change had taken place in the situation at the front.

Warships Sighted.

ISLAND OF PERIN, April 1 .- Five Rus sian war ships and a tug passe at sunset bound for Jubital. steamers were following them.

The vessels probably compose a division of the Second Pacific Squadron, commanded by Admiral Nebogatoff.

Issue Another Loan. (By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Aprill.—A dispatch to a news agency from St. Potersburg says that another International loan of \$100,000,009 will shortly be issued.

FREEDOM OF CHURCH.

Revolt Against Domination of Bureaucracy in Religious Affairs in Russia.

Affairs in Russia.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERBURG. April 2-2 A. Marthe movement that begins for greater freedom for the Russian Church and the demand for the convocation of a general council to consider reforms in the splittual and administrative life of the Church, voiced in the manifesto of a group of St. Petersburg priests, finds support among the influential clergy, not only in the capital, but in the provinces, and is to be regarded an another manifestation of a revolt in Russia against the domination of the bureaucracy, which is emailty predominant in church as in political administration. It is a mistage to suppose the inovement is directed against the Emperor, with whose position as divine representative, and therefore upon earth the whole belief of the Russian Church is bound up, but against the subordination of church to old authority since the institution by Peter the Great of the Holy Synod.

The manifesto was followed yesterday by a letter from Bishop Dimitri, of Novo Mirgorod, one of the influential provincial bishops, in which he demands freedom of the Church from the power of the Chinovniks and the bureaugracy, and names the chief procurator of the Holy Synod, both as an official whose power needs curtailment and was himself stands in the way of reform.

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The large picture shows General Linevitch going a round of inspection in a village not far removed the Japanese lines. Below is seen a detachment of the Japanese Mountain Artillery advancing to the

UF PANAMA BOARD

President Toledo, St. Louis and Western Railroad to be Exeutive Chief on Isthmus.

SALARY WILL BE LARGE

Reorganization of Commission Completed, But Names Have Not Yet Been Announced.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—President Roosevelt has completed the reorganization of the Isthmian Canal Com nission, and the names of the members will be made public Monday morning. 30 far as the facts are concerned, could be made public now, but Secretary Taft will not return to Washington until Sunday afternoon, and it is desired that

Sunday afternoon, and it is desired that he shall be consulted before the announcement is made.

Theodore B. Shonts, president of the Toledo, St. Louis and Western Rallroad, is to head the commission. He to-day notified the President that he would accept the offer made to him. Mr. Shonts came to Washington last night and conferred with Wm. Nelson Cromwell, Secretary Morton and Colonel Edwards, the head of the Insular affairs bureau of the War Department. He maxt went to the White House to-day with Colonel Edwards and had a long conference with the It is understood that the Trosident will fix his salary at a large figure, to compensate him, as far as possible, for the financial sacrifice he probably is making in leaving his present position. Horace G. Burt, former president of the Union Pacific road, who was talked of as the head of the commission, will not have a place on the body.

Mr. Shonts is to have another conference with the President, at which the situation in the canal region will be talked over in detail. The President desires a full talk with the new executive head of the commission. At this conference

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LITTLE BOY WANTED TO SEE "REAL WRECK"

Derailed Cleveland Flyer and Endangered Lives of Hundreds of People.

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURG. PA., April 1.—Because he wanted to see a real train wreck, Royal Grimm, 12 years old, son of a well known resident of Groveton, a suburb of this city, derailed the "Cleveland flyer" by placing iron bars and coupling pins on placing iron bars and coupling pins on the Pittsburg and Lake Eric Railroad tracks, near his home, vesterday after-noon. The train, bearing scores of pas-sengers, on striking the obstruction, jump-ed the rails and after traveling about a hundred yards over the railroad ties along a dangerous portion of the read, overlooking a steep embankment, came to a sudden stop by the severing of the nir hose.

no a shaken step by the air hose.

Railroad detectives who were detailed to investigate the attempt to wrack the train, soon located young Grimm and secured a confession from him. The hoy was placed in fall.

Virginian Gets Contract,
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SALISBURY, N. C., April 1—Mr. C.
Markley, of Roanoke, Va., has been awarded a contract for street improvements in this city, the cost of which will be \$25,000 or more.

POINTER ON THE WEATHER



Monday fair, followed by rillon; light north winds be CONDITIONS PERTERDAY.

Highest temperature yesterday, Lowest temperature yesterday, Mean temperature yesterday... Normal temperature for April. Departure from normal tempera Precipitation during past 24 hor

Apponiation Veterans Declared Against the Inscriptions.

WEST APPOMATION, VA., The Appointation Camp of Confederate ment. Veterans took action this afternoon adverse to the unveiling of the North Carolina monument there the 18th of April, and passed resolution declining to take part in the exercises because of the in-

and passed resolution declining to take part in the exercises because of the inscription on the monument: "First at Bethel, furthest to the front at Gettysburg, and last at Appomattox."
The resolutions are as follows:
Whereas, the monument to be unveiled by the velerans of North Carolina on the battledeld of Appomattox, April 10th, to do honor to our comrades of that State, hear inscriptions which are not horne out by the true history of the late war; and
Whereas, we believe such inscriptions to he not only in vlotation of the facts of history, but tend to destroy that feeling of unity and brotherly love, which is so much to he destred, and the promotion of which the camps were formed; be it.
Resolved, That the Camp of Appomation, in the unveiling ceremonies to be held on the 10th instant.

New Officers.
Colonel R. B. Poore, who has been commandant since the organization of the camp, some ten years ago, tendered his resignation, and Captain T. J. Stratton was chosen to fill the vacancy. Dr. William H. Abbitt was elected first vice-commandant, and Captain J. W. Carson was elected adju 1nt.

The camp then adjourned to, meet on the first Monday is May-court day.

247 WANTHELP TO-DAY.

The 247 advertisements for help published in today's Times-Dispatch on page 13 are as follows:

36 Trades, 112 Domestics. 80 Miscellaneous, 23 Agents, 28 Salesmen, 18 Office,

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to in prove their positions as well.

Secret Movement on Foot to Annex and Outclass Richmond.

PORTSMOUTH AND BERKLEY

With These Norfolk Is Trying to Lay Richmond in the Shade.

Norfolk has, according to report, a big secret scheme on foot. She is planning to take in Berkley and Portsmouth for pur pose of boasting that she is the largest

city in Virginia. A Norfolk man visited Richmond dur ing the past week and called upon one of the most active men in the progress movement to find out what would be the

gard to increased population. The Richmond man replied that in ppinion the population of Richmond, if the annexation scheme went through,

ame, and made us scheme for nothing,

He stated that committees had been apointed from Berkley, Portsmouth and Norfolk for the purpose of merger, and that if the plan went through, Norfolk would have a population of 115,000, and

would be the largest city in the State. The Norfolk people have been quietly working for weeks with the that public sentiment is with the move

ment.

At any rate Norfolk is making an earnest effort to achieve the distinction of being the first city of the Commonwealth.

Norfolk people are surprised at the disposition of some Richmond people to stand still and prevent city from progressing, but citizens of the scasic city are making the most of Richmond's halting between two opinions.

IA TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IN ALBEMARLE COUNTY

Mother and Children Burned in Their Home—Probable Foul Play.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., April 1.—
The home of Mr. W. J. Thompson, who
is manager on the farm near Shadwell,
six miles east of this city, belonging to
Mr. C. J. Hughes, was totally destroyed
by fire some time last night and Mrs.
Thompson and her two children were
consumed in the fames.
The origin of the fire is unknown, but
the neighbors have an idea as to who
is the culprit, it belng believed that the
fire was incendiary. This was learned
by a telephone message from Shadwell
this morning.

his morning. The neighborhood is horrifled at the

fearful tragedy. Mr. Thompson was spending the night at "Belmont." the home place of Mr. J. W. Everett of Keswick. When he returned to Shadwell, he first heard the awful news that his wife and two boys, six and three years old, were in ashes.

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It is said that the disaster was discovered first by the children of Mr. Reuben Sprouse, who lives nearby, and the fact reported. Details of the matter cannot be learned, although The Times-Dispatch correspondent made every endeavor today to learn the facts.

Mr. Charles E. Hughes, who owns the place on which the tragedy occurred, went to Shadwell to-day, but he has not returned.

THE BURNING

People of City and County Earnestly Want the City's Limits Broadened To Give Room That is Greatly Needed.

ALDERMAN BLAIR FIGHTING THE EXTENSION

Says He Will Win, But People Seem Determined to Have Their Ideas of Progress Carried Out. A Great Fight is Expected.

Annexation is the great issue of the hour in Richmond, and the people are aroused to know whether they shall have more air and sunshine and better homes, or whether the old policy of "stay in the ruts" shall be

adhered to.

Progressive and disinterested citizens hold that there is every reason
why Richmond should broaden her corporation lines, and the popular
belief is that the Council will hearken to the voice of the people on this
burning and vital subject and adopt the report of the Committee on Char-

burning and vital subject and adopt the report of the Committee on Charter, Ordinances and Reform.

It is known here that a secret movement is on foot in Norfolk to annex Portsmouth, Berkley and other suburbs, with the view to making Norfolk the greatest city in the State, and it is "up to" Richmond, say progressive men, to take a stand in her own defense.

There is no shadow of doubt that the great mass of the people in all valks of life in Richmond favor expansion, and it is believed that the Council, however the members may stand at present, will finally yield to their wishes. Apparently, so far as the facts can be ascertained, many who are opposed to the broadening of the city's lines are looking out mainly for their own interests, and those arrayed on the other side are standing for their own interests, and those arrayed on the other side are standing for the interests of the greatest number.

The fight is going to be a most spirited one, but all the indications now point to the success of those who favor annexation.

PEOPLE BELIEVE THEIR BATTLE WON

Will Stand Up Strongly for Annexation in Fight This

limits comes up in the Council to-mor-

of general business, and the report of the nexation on the broad lines indicated by oe considered.

It looks now as if, in visw of the heav calendar of regular work, the annexation matter will go over and be considered

at a special meeting to be held on either Thursday or Friday night.
The battle promises to be a royal one, and the annexation forces have reason to believe that they will win.

Cannon and Pollock.

Messrs. Cannon and Pollock will have charge of the right in favor of the report of the committee, and several strong men will take the other side.

But there is no question of the overwhelming sentiment out among the people in favor of the proposition, and the people are talking to their representatives and asking them to vote for the scheme. The joint Committee on Progress as made great strides in the matter and the business people are strongly commending the members.

But not only is this true. The Chamber, But not only is this true.

But not only is this true. The Chambe not only is the true. The opening of the business organization in the including the Central Trades and city, including the Central Trades and Labor Council have taken strong ground on the same line so that the members of the Council must feel satisfied that the people are behind them if they shall adopt the report of the committee.

Are in Dead Earnest.

The advocates of annexation, whether in the city or county, seem to be enthusiastic, and are evidently determined to win. They realize the great business elements of both the corporations are behind them and that the scheme proposed will mean a great deal for both. Strong men, representing nearly every walk of life, in both the city and courty have advocated annexation within the lines proposed by the committee, and it is confidently believed that their moral support will mean a great deal toward carrying it through.

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So far as can be learned the situation in the Council is that those who favor annexation are outspoken on the subject and are hard at work.

Messrs. Cannon and Pollock and others who are in the lead for annexation, profess the utmost confidence in the outcome. A great many business men are expected to be on hand to-morrow night to talk with members of the Council, and if the matter is postponed, as now seems likely, they will come again to urge the adoption of the ordinance.

FORMER GOVERNOR OF WEST VIRGINIA ILL

(By Associated Press.)

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., April L.-Form

er Governor Wilson, of West Virginia, is critically ill at St. Luke's Hospital in is critically ill at St. Luke's Hospital in this city. Mrs. Wilson was telegraphed for and has arrived. Governor Wilson came to Florida about three weeks ago to recover his health and on his way home was stricken with illness here.

Received by Pope.

(By Associated Fress.)

ROME, April 1.-The Pope to-day received in private audience Mrs. Burton Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Burton Harrison and Miss Kenting, of New York; Miss Wade Hampton, of South Carolina; Miss Hendon, of Virginia, and Mrs. Charics Knapp, of Haltimore, and Miss Crocker, of San Francisco.

No Disturbances in Haiti.

(By Associated Press.) PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI, April 1,-Many sentries stood guard in strong pa-trols moved through the streets of the city. There were no disturbances. All Syrian stores are closed.

ALDERMAN BLAIR TO LEAD THE FIGHT

Is Strongly Opposed to the Proposed Lines of An-

as a bitter opponent to the scheme of an-nexation on broad lines, voluntarily made

il, and Dabney, of the Board, adoocate annexation when questioned regarding the statement, did not agree with Mr. Blair, and in fact, stated that they firmly believed that the annexation measure would pass both branches.

Mr. Blair declared that the following Councilmen would fight annexation in the lower branch.

the lower branch:

F. L. PETERS,
E. L. SPENCE,
J. C. DICKERSON,
JOHN LYNCH,
MORGAN MILLS.

There were fifteen others, he whose names he could not mention. vote would be 20 to 15 against expansion would be 20 to in magnist expansion.

In the upper branch Mr. Blair said he would fisht the measure, assisted by MMANDRAMANN, TURPIN, ADAMS, BURTON, WOOD,

vote against annexation. The vote, he said, would be 15 to 6. In conclusion, Mr. Blair said that the

Mr. Canno 's Views.

Mr. Canno, a hamber of the lower foranch, said that he did not agree with Mr. Blair. He thought Mr. Blair had been carried away by his well known antagonism to the annexation movement Mr. Cannon said:

"I have heard some rumors to the effect that there are twenty members of the Common Council opposed to annexation. I do not believe this for an instant. Indeed, so far as I am able to learn, there are at least twenty-one members favorable to the general scheme as contained in the report of the Ordinance Committee, and in all probability when the vote is cast, more than two-thirds of the members in the lower branch will be ranged upon the side of 'Greater Richmond.'

"I have talked with several of the oppo-

be ranged upon the side of 'Greater Richmond.

"I have talked with several of the opposition, and no two of them seem to agree as to their reasons why the corporate limits should not be extended.

"As to the opposition in the Board of Aldermen, I am not in a position to say anything one way or the other. except that I know of two aldermen who have been almost as anti-annexationists, whose votes will be east the other way. I can only say it is my firm belief that, when the members of the two branches hear the argument on both sides and are given the information in the possession of the Ordinance Committee, the report of that committee will be adopted by safe majorities and annexation will become an assured fact."

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Takes High Ground.

Aiderman W. T. Dabney, in discussing the statement made by Mr. Blair, said that he had too great a regard for the members of the Council to believe that they had pledged themselves to vote for or against a report from a committee. He had always found them willing and anxious to obtain all information on matters before them and he felt sure that they would not make up their minds until they had heard all that could be said for and against annexation. Mr. Dabney further said!

Replying to your inquiry as to the probable result of the Ordinance Committee's report on annexation in the Council and board. I would say I have made no cativass of the situation, but believe that when all the facts are presented to both branches as they doubtless will he, the result will railfy the favorable report from the committee. Without the facts of a teconosition of a system innortance to an example of the committee. Without the facts of a teconosition of a system innortance to make the committee.